

# History at a Glance

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## Historical Society Receives History Fund Grant for Collections Management



Thanks to trustees Tom Kotnik, Dick Falkner, and Sharon Schnell for representing ACHS at Statehood Day and accepting our grant award.

### Historical Society applies for Grant for Cultural and Heritage Tourism

The Historical Society recently submitted a grant proposal to Ohio Humanities to implement a cultural/heritage tourism initiative entitled AUGLAIZE COUNTY: *IN MOTION!* The effort is a follow-up to the Society's successful 2015 planning grant, which studied the current sites and themes in Auglaize County. The new initiative's name reflects the many heritage facilities that involve motion and movement, from the Armstrong Air & Space Museum to the Bicycle Museum of America, Miami & Erie Canal and Grand Lake St. Marys, railroads, chain migration (from Germany to America), and much more. If successful, the Historical Society will use the award to create and distribute brochures and stand-up banners that highlight the sites, to bring in scholar Tim Anderson, and to organize ongoing collaboration in public education and tourism among the history organizations in the county. We'll keep you posted!

The Auglaize County Historical Society successfully participated in the Ohio History Connection's History Fund competitive grant program for 2016, garnering an award of \$4074 for collections management. The funding will allow the Society to undertake the following:

- ♦ The Historical Society will schedule visits by consultants Leianne Heppner (Summit County Historical Society) and Virginia Weygandt (Clark County Historical Society). Ms. Heppner will meet with the board and staff and subsequently prepare a report about her impressions of current collections management conditions. Ms. Weygandt will also visit Auglaize County, review existing collections, meet with the board, and review of the current collections policy with a subsequent list of recommendations.
- ♦ The Historical Society will work with the graduate program in Public History at Wright State University (or another parallel program) to secure an intern for 300 hours of work inputting and organizing artifacts from the collection.
- ♦ The Historical Society will send Chandra Hoffman and Julie McCullough, who possess the greatest familiarity with current cataloging efforts, to a collections management workshop.
- ♦ The organization will host a minimum of two training sessions for volunteers to learn about the Past Perfect software system and begin assisting with the backlog of collections documentation.

We are very excited about this opportunity to improve our collections management at the Historical Society and extend our sincere gratitude to the Ohio History Connection for entrusting us with this grant award.



## The Progressive Era Comes to an End...

We extend our appreciation to all who made the recent traveling exhibit “The Progressive Era: Creating Modern America, 1900-1917” so successful. We especially thank our collaborative partner, the Friends of the Wapakoneta Library, as well as the library’s Adult Services Coordinator Andrea Burton, and the entire Wapakoneta staff.

We thank our several speakers—Dr. William Angel, John Carnes, and Melissa Luthman. Thanks too to Greg Myers for the loan of exhibit-enhancing furniture and home décor. St. Marys teacher Chad Doll actually gave extra credit to students who visited the exhibit, and we’re grateful to have made that impact as well. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the Auglaize Library again in the future!

Buckland area resident Glen Farley, pictured right, provided a wonderful presentation to a large and enthusiastic audience about the tens of thousands of artifacts he has collected over the years. Farley spoke at the February membership meeting of the Historical Society, which was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moulton.



Join us on Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.,  
at the Lockkeepers House, New Bremen,  
for the 2nd Quarter Membership meeting.

Susan Talbot-Stanaway will present “**Buckeye Boys and Girls**”

*This novel presentation of Ohio history is derived from the speaker’s experience curating museum art and history exhibitions in the state. In this talk, images of masterwork paintings, vintage photographs, historic clothing, antique toys, books, quilts and sports equipment will be used to recount the stories of Ohio children, 1840s to our own time. From America’s first toy electric train to the iconic Etch-A-Sketch, all of the objects were invented, created, or made in Ohio. Please plan on joining us!*

## RESEARCH by the Historical Society

Looking for information about family history, but short on time? Let the Historical Society help. ACHS president Chandra Hoffman has extensive experience in research, especially in genealogy, and is available to conduct research, including the documentation necessary for the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s CENTURY FARM designation. The fee is \$15/hour. All fees are then donated to the Historical Society.

Contact our office, 419/738-9328 or [wallpaperproject@bright.net](mailto:wallpaperproject@bright.net), for more information.

## New Docents Needed

We’re looking for more docents, both at the Mooney and Wapakoneta museums. If you like people and like history, this could be a great fit! We’ll provide all the training, and your commitment could be as little as once every two months. Please call the office, 419/738-9328, or email [auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net](mailto:auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net) to learn more.

## Staying in the Loop. . .

Don’t forget that the Historical Society has begun sending out occasional e-updates about events and happenings. But you won’t receive this information unless we have your email address! Please contact us, [auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net](mailto:auglaizecountyhistory@bright.net), and we’ll add you to the mailing list. Join the more than **547** individuals and families who LIKE the Auglaize County Historical Society on FACEBOOK as well.

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*In celebration of the 98th wedding anniversary of Daniel Mooney and Carrie Steinemann, visitors to the Mooney Museum on February 28 were serenaded by violin music, presented by Sarah Longbrake of Minster. As many of you know, Carrie Mooney was a professional violinist prior to her marriage. It was a magical, musical afternoon!*

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**The 2015-16 Annual Fund exceeds its goal!**

*As this newsletter goes to press, donations to the ACHS Annual Fund have reached \$3035, well over our \$2000 goal. We have been overwhelmed by the support extended to us from our members and friends. Please know that the trustees will use these funds wisely, to maintain a vibrant, relevant Historical Society. Sincere thanks to all who have donated to the Fund, including:*

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*The Auglaize County Historical Society collects, preserves, interprets, and shares the history of Auglaize County and its people through exhibits, programs, and publications.*

*Looking ahead: Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m., at the Wapakoneta Library*  
***Ohio Furniture 101:***  
***An Introduction to Styles and Cultural Groups, 1788-1888***  
***with Andrew Richmond***

Andrew Richmond is the president and CEO of Wipiak Consulting and Appraisals in Sunbury, Ohio. With degrees in history from Kenyon College and American Material Culture from the Winterthur Program/University of Delaware, Richmond's passion is the decorative arts of Ohio. He has lectured and published widely on the subject and has curated two major exhibitions: *Equal in Goodness— Ohio Decorative Arts, 1788-1860*, and *A Tradition of Progress— Ohio Decorative Arts, 1860-1945*. Join us for what promises to be a fascinating and informative presentation, made possible by Ohio Humanities, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1972 Ohio Humanities has provided leadership, resources, and financial support for the humanities in Ohio.



*The Schemmel Home (and Family!),  
south of Wapakoneta on what is now 25-A (west side).*